

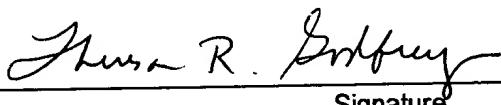
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LETTER TO THE DRAFTSMAN

The Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Permission is respectfully requested to amend the drawings as shown in red on the attached sheets thereof. In particular, it has been proposed to amend the drawings as follows: Change figure designation for Figure "4a" to --4--. In Figure 5, add the cross-sectional cut "7-7".

In Figure 11, add the reference numeral "51" and an appropriate lead line.

In Figure 12, add the reference numeral "51" along with an appropriate lead line as well as the cross-sectional cut "13-13".

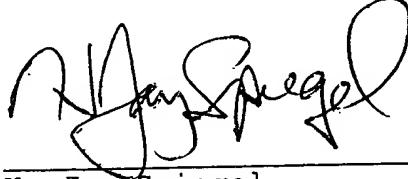
Each of these proposed amendments are proposed as the result of a requirement made by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. If permission is granted to so amend the drawings, the

amendments will be entered at such time as a Notice of Allowance is received by Applicants' Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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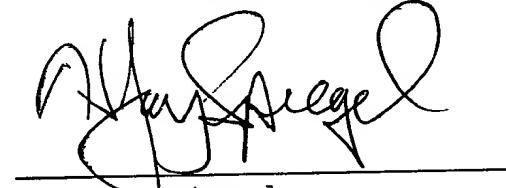
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 7, 2003, copy attached, please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Amendment as filed on December 27, 2002, including a clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) as required. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Mailing.

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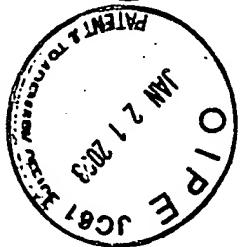
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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment filed on 12-27-02 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000). In order for the amendment to be compliant, applicant must supply the following omissions or corrections in response to this notice.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1.121 (APPLICANT NEED NOT RE-SUBMIT THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT):

1. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).

2. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).

3. A clean version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).

4. A marked-up version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Explanation: _____

(LIE: Please provide specific details for correction to assist the applicant. For example, "the clean version of claim 6 is missing.")

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/pbg/sampleaf.pdf>. A condensed version of a sample amendment format is attached.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT: Unless applicant supplies the omission or correction to the preliminary amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 noted above within ONE MONTH of the mail date of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION: Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction noted above in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Ms. Hawkins
Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE)